THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, the 10th April 1958.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

Swearing in of a new Member.

Sri S. Ramakrishna Thevar was sworn in.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : இன்றைய தினம் 68 கேள்விகள் இருக்கின்றன. எல்லாக் கேள்விகள் பேரிலும் உப கேள்விகள் கேட்க சந்தர்ப்பம் கிடைக்கா விட்டால் மன்னிக்கவேண்டும் என்று நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : Sir, the question hour may be extended by some minutes.

MR. SPEAKER : I have no objection, but then you will be delaying the Bills unnecessarily.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : This being the last day, the question hour may be extended.

MR. SPEAKER : Even if I give half an hour more, if hon. Members put ten supplementary questions on each question, it will not be possible to cover all questions. Therefore let me be given the liberty to decide the questions on which supplementaries should be allowed.

Orphanages

* 50 *S.N.Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received recently from the Association of Orphanages of the Madras State, regarding the removal of certain hardships experienced by the managements in running the institutions efficiently; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in the matter so far?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under examination.

* 51 *S.N.Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government intends to revise the Grant-in-aid Code for Indian Boarding Homes and Orphanages with a view to increase the grants?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question of increasing the existing rate of boarding grant paid to orphanages is under examination.

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the grant given to the Backward Class and Scheduled Caste orphans staying in the orphanage is Rs. 15 whereas the grant given to orphans belonging to the other classes is only Rs. 8, with the result it is not possible to maintain the orphanages, and an allowance for oil bath (for oil, soapnut powder, soap and other things) is disallowed by the auditor who is asked to go into the accounts even though these are permissible items? Will the Government think of increasing the grant to them as per their request?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All these matters are under consideration, and I may inform the hon. Member that it is not our intention that the orphanages should be run exclusively by Government grant alone but that private charities also should give aid. Anyhow the whole matter will be considered.

Bus accident.

* 52 *S.N.Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons belonging to this State who met with death recently due to a bus accident in the Anantapur district (Andhra State); and

(*b*) the steps taken, if any, to secure compensation for the families of the victims?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Thirteen persons.

(*b*) Action can be taken up only after the disposal of case against the driver of the vehicle.

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Members who gave notice of the questions, namely, Sri P. S. Chinnadurai and Sri A. Govindasamy, are not in their seats, the questions together with the answers thereto will be printed in the official proceedings.

Prime Minister's visit

* 644 *Q.*—SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the State Government in connexion with the visit of the Prime Minister of India to this State in December 1957?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A total expenditure of Rs. 1,48,231–28 nP. was incurred by this Government in connexion with the Prime Minister's visit to this State in December, 1957.

* 645 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the strength of the Police Forces drawn from other States for bandobust duties when the Prime Minister visited Madras on 6th January 1958; and

(*b*) of these, how many from the Andhra and the Kerala States?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) It is regretted that the Government have to decline answering the question in public interest.